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**Introduced by Senator Morrow**February 19, 2003

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An act to amend Section 4467 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 378, as introduced, Morrow. Vehicles: license plates.

Existing law provides for the assignment of a specific license number to a motor vehicle, which may be changed only upon application to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), and under certain circumstances. Existing law requires the DMV to provide a new set of license plates to a registered owner of a vehicle who appears in person and submits a completed application and also presents to the DMV the previously issued plates, proof of identity and vehicle ownership, and either evidence of victimization by a domestic abuser or evidence of efforts to get assistance in regard to the domestic abuse, as specified.

This bill would include, victims of stalkings, as defined, within the provisions requiring the DMV to provide a new set of license plates to a registered owner of a vehicle who appears in person and submits an application, as described above. The bill would allow a verification statement, currently applicable to the accessibility of records of the DMV, as evidence of victimization.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 4467 of the Vehicle Code is amended to  
2 read:



1 4467. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
2 department shall issue new and different license plates  
3 immediately upon request to the registered owner of a vehicle who  
4 appears in person and submits a completed application, if all of the  
5 following are presented:

6 (1) Proof of ownership of the vehicle that is acceptable to the  
7 department.

8 (2) A driver's license or identification card containing a picture  
9 of the licensee or cardholder issued to the registered owner by the  
10 department pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section  
11 12500) of Division 6. The department shall conduct a search of its  
12 records to verify the authenticity of any document submitted under  
13 this paragraph.

14 (3) The previously issued license plates from the vehicle.

15 (4) One of the following:

16 (A) A copy of a police report identifying the registered owner  
17 of the vehicle as the victim of an incident of domestic violence *or*  
18 *stalking, as specified in Section 1708.7 of the Civil Code or Section*  
19 *646.9 of the Penal Code.*

20 (B) A written acknowledgment, dated within 30 days of  
21 submission, on the letterhead of a domestic violence agency, that  
22 the registered owner is actively seeking assistance or has sought  
23 assistance from the agency within the past year.

24 (C) An active protective order as defined in Section 6218 of the  
25 Family Code, or issued pursuant to Section 527.6 or 527.8 of the  
26 Code of Civil Procedure, which names the registered owner as a  
27 protected party.

28 (D) *A verification that complies with the requirements of*  
29 *paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 1808.21.*

30 (b) Subdivision (a) ~~shall~~ does not apply to special interest  
31 license plates.